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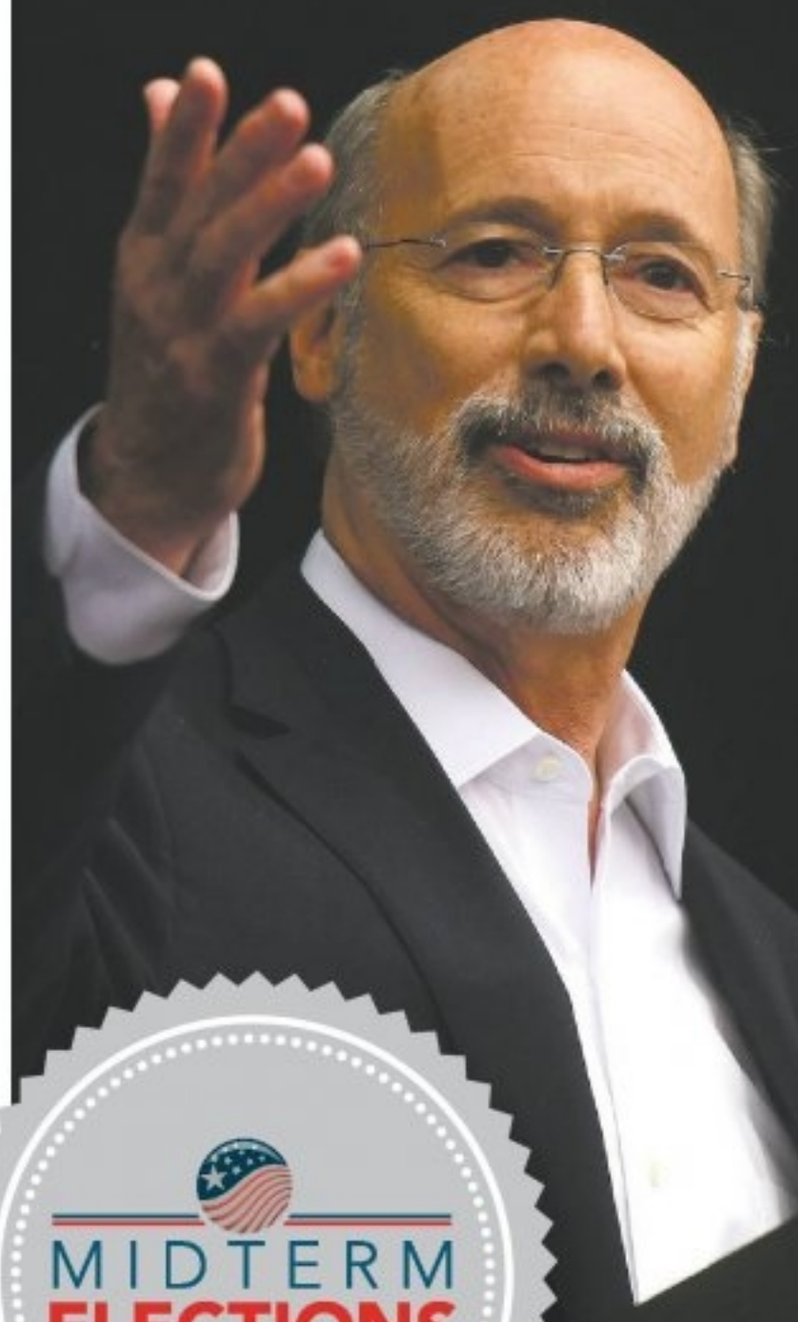

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Call it the "Trump effect" — the 2018 midterm elections, always considered an unofficial referendum on the sitting president, were the subject of intense scrutiny and interest nationwide under the most polarizing president in recent memory. As Democrats and Republicans battled nationwide, in Pennsylvania, a state that voted for Trump in 2016, Democrats were clearly on top with the party picking up new seats and incumbents beating back Trump-endorsed competitors to hold on to office. Read all about the national and state races inside and on **metrophilly.us.**

## MAIL BOMB SUSPECT TO BE HELD WITHOUT BAIL

1 The Florida man accused of mailing bombs to prominent Democrats and other critics of U.S. President Donald Trump agreed to be held without bail on Tuesday during his first appearance in federal court in New York. Cesar Sayoc was arrested on Oct. 26 in Fort Lauderdale and agreed in a Florida court appearance last week to be transferred to New York to face five criminal charges. Sayoc, a former stripper and pizza delivery driver who lived in a white van festooned with right-wing political images supporting Trump and attacking his critics, was arrested following an intense manhunt. Dressed in navy blue prison overalls with his gray hair pulled back and knotted at the back of his head, Sayoc appeared respectful and alert in court. When U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Lehrburger asked him if he understood his rights as explained to him, Sayoc responded: "Yes, sir, a hundred percent." Prosecutors had argued before the hearing that Sayoc was too dangerous to be released on bail. But Sayoc's attorney, federal defender Sarah Baumgartel, told the hearing he would not make an application for bail at this point.

## 'BRANGELINA' GOING TO TRIAL IN CUSTODY CASE

2 Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt return to court next month to resolve the custody issues surrounding their six children. A trial date in the estranged couple's custody battle has been set for Dec. 4, according to documents obtained by NBC News. The documents, which were filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court on Monday, state that Pitt, 54, and Jolie, 43, have extended the appointment of Judge John Ouderkirk as a temporary judge through June 30, 2019. Ouderkirk will "hear and determine all pretrial issues, requests for order and motions," in addition to presiding over the custody trial, according to the filing. Jolie filed for divorce in September 2016 after two years of marriage and 12 years together. The pair, who met on the set of the 2005 movie "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," have six children: Maddox, 17, Pax, 14, Zahara, 13, Shiloh, 12, and twins Knox and Vivienne, 10. The divorce didn't become public until July 2017, when Jolie addressed the split in an interview with Vanity Fair. She revealed that "things got bad" between the two, adding that "it's just been the hardest time, and we're just kind of coming up for air."

## VOTERS ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA HEAD TO THE POLLS FOR THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS

3 The Mummers Museum, dedicated to the history of the traditional Philadelphia clubs who participate in an annual parade and competition, serves as a polling place in Philadelphia on Tuesday. ***Read more on pages 3-9.***

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## MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO KILLING WIFE, DAUGHTERS

4 A Colorado man pleaded guilty on Tuesday to charges of murdering his pregnant wife and two small daughters and dumping their bodies in an oil field, in an agreement that will spare him the death penalty. Christopher Watts, 33, admitted in Weld County District Court to strangling his wife, Shanann, 34, and the couple's two daughters, Celeste, 3, and Bella, 4, in August at the family's home in Frederick, about 30 miles north of Denver. Watts' voice quavered slightly as he entered the guilty pleas before Judge Marcelo Kopcow. Watts pleaded guilty to charges of first-degree murder in the deaths of his wife and daughters and allegations that he killed the girls while in a position of trust. He also pleaded guilty to unlawfully terminating a pregnancy and tampering with the bodies of the three victims. Under Colorado law, a first-degree murder conviction carries a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole. Watts had faced the possibility of the death penalty if convicted, but under his plea agreement prosecutors pledged to not seek the death penalty.

## SUBWAY BOMBER GUILTY OF SUPPORTING ISLAMIC STATE

5 The Bangladeshi man accused of detonating a bomb last December in a New York City subway passageway on behalf of Islamic State was found guilty on Tuesday of all six criminal counts against him, including use of a weapon of mass destruction and support of a terrorist organization, according to federal prosecutors. The verdict against Akayed Ullah, 28, came after a weeklong jury trial in Manhattan federal court. Ullah faces a possible sentence of life in prison. Ullah's lawyers declined to comment on the verdict. They had not contested the bombing charges, but said his motive was to end his life, not to support Islamic State even though he had taken in the militant group's propaganda online. Ullah was arrested last December after detonating a homemade bomb in a pedestrian tunnel connecting two subway lines and a bus terminal in midtown Manhattan. The explosion did not kill anyone, but authorities said three people suffered minor injuries and the subway station and the Port Authority Bus Terminal were closed temporarily that morning.

# Democrats clean up across commonwealth in midterms

In line with projections from pollsters, Democrat incumbents for governor and U.S. Senate win re-election in Pennsylvania.

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Democrat incumbents, from left, U.S. Sen. Bob Casey, Gov. Tom Wolf and U.S. Rep. Dwight Evans. PROVIDED

In 2016, Pennsylvania went red for President Donald Trump, proving a key swing state in his path to the presidency. But two years later, Democratic officeholders handily won their re-election campaigns.

Here are the main takeaways as of press time from the Pennsylvania 2018 midterm elections:

– Gov. Tom Wolf won his re-election campaign over state Sen. Scott Wagner. Wagner's Trump-style, tough-talk campaign, which included xenophobic attacks on Wolf's immigration policies, failed to land with a majority of voters.

All things considered, despite an at-times rocky first term marked by budget stalemates with Pennsylvania's Republican-controlled state legislature, York native and former businessman Wolf's cool, collected approach to governing helped him cruise quite easily to a second term — unlike his predecessor, Republican one-term Tom Corbett.

– One major change was Wolf's decision to ditch his first term Lt. Gov. Mike Stack, a former Philly City Councilman.

As part of his re-election campaign, Wolf brought on John Fetterman — the bald, tatted, progressive 6-foot-8 former mayor of Braddock who ran unsuccessfully in 2016 for the Dem nomination to Senate (he lost to Kate McGinty, who in turn failed to unseat incumbent GOP U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey).

Fetterman's got the date of every homicide by gun in Braddock tatted on his right arm, was an early Bernie Sanders enthusiast, and has openly embraced anti-capitalist rhetoric and politics in managing an impoverished, rust belt town. It remains to be seen how he will be bring his ideas to the canvas of the commonwealth.

– Democratic U.S. Sen. Bob Casey won his re-election campaign over GOP candidate Lou Barletta, despite endorsements for Barletta from Trump and campaign fundraisers around the state hosted by VP Mike Pence and Donald Trump Jr.

– Democrat U.S. Rep. Dwight Evans faced no real competition in his heavily Democratic district of Philadelphia as he was elected to represent the newly redrawn 3rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania. He was first elevated from the Pennsylvania State House to take over disgraced former U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah's seat in the 2nd District in 2016, but had to run for a new district after the state Supreme Court redrew the state's congressional districts to resolve a lawsuit over gerrymandering.

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# Democrats gain in House races; news outlets project they will take control

Republicans, however, were likely to maintain hold of the Senate.

Democrats picked up at least 10 Republican-held seats as they moved closer to winning control of the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday, but faced an uphill climb to wrest a majority from President Donald Trump's party in the U.S. Senate.

Fox News projected that Democrats would win control of the House, although it did not predict the margin of victory or elaborate on how it made the call.

Democrats needed to pick up 23 seats to capture the House after a contentious campaign season, enabling them to slam the brakes on Trump's agenda and exercise renewed oversight of his administration.

The first national elections since Trump captured the White House in a 2016 upset became a referendum on the polarizing president, and a test of whether Democrats can turn the energy of the liberal anti-Trump resistance into victories at the ballot box.

Many of the races that will decide the balance of power in Congress and shape the future of Trump's presidency were still too close to call at press time, including dozens of vital battleground districts.

In the Senate, where Republicans were heavily favored to keep control heading into Tuesday's voting, Republican Mike Braun captured incumbent Joe Donnelly's seat in Indiana. In North Dakota, Republican Kevin Cramer beat incumbent Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp.

That means Democrats, who needed to gain two Republican Senate seats to win control, needed to pick up four.

In the House, Democrat Jennifer Wexton ousted incumbent Republican Barbara Comstock in suburban Virginia, and Florida Democrat Donna Shalala, a former Cabinet secretary under President Bill Clinton, captured the seat of a retired Republican.

Democrat Mary Gay Scanlon won a Republican-held seat in Pennsylvania, while Democrat Jason Crow won a Republican-held House seat in Colorado.

There were competitive Senate races still too close to call in Florida and Texas.

Incumbent Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin won a hotly contested race in conservative West Virginia, and Marsha Blackburn held a Senate seat for Republicans.

Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, a 2016 Democratic presidential contender, and Tim Kaine of Virginia, Hillary Clinton's vice presidential nominee in 2016, easily won reelection, news networks projected. Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown was projected to hold his seat in Ohio.

High-profile races for governor in Georgia, Florida and Ohio also were too close to call.

The Democrats were favored by election forecasters to pick up the 23 seats in the House, but opinion polls showed they had slimmer hopes in the Senate. All 435 seats in the House, 35 seats in the 100-member Senate and 36 of the 50 state governorships were up for grabs.

The volatile midterm

campaign was marked by clashes over race, immigration and trade. In the final stretch, Trump hardened his rhetoric on issues that appealed to his conservative core supporters, issuing warnings about a caravan of Latin American migrants headed to the border with Mexico and condemnations of what he called U.S. liberal "mobs."

Many Democrats, already benefiting from anti-Trump enthusiasm, focused on bread-and-butter issues like maintaining health insurance protections for people with pre-existing medical conditions and safeguarding the Social Security retirement and Medicare health care programs for the elderly.

If Democrats capture the House, they could launch congressional investigations into Trump's administration, including his tax returns, possible business conflicts of interest and the nature of his 2016 campaign's ties to Russia.

A Republican victory in both chambers of Congress would be a validation for Trump's polarizing style, a month after he solidified a conservative majority on the Supreme Court when the Senate confirmed his nominee Brett Kavanaugh after a fight over sexual misconduct accusations against the jurist.

Striking a dark tone at a rally in Indiana on Monday evening, Trump accused Democrats without offering any evidence of "openly encouraging millions of illegal aliens to break our laws, violate our borders and overrun our country."

Ahead of the results, U.S. stocks closed higher, with the benchmark S&P 500 Index ending the day at a two-week high. U.S. Treasury securities prices fell, and the 10-year yield closed at its highest level since 2011. The dollar was unchanged.

Problems with voting machines prevented Americans from casting ballots in a dozen states, U.S. rights advocates said, following complaints about registration problems, faulty equipment and intimidation received during early balloting.

A U.S. Department of Homeland Security official said the reports of voting technology failures appeared so far to have had no significant impact in preventing people from voting.

Voter turnout, normally lower when the presidency is not at stake, could be the highest for a midterm election in 50 years, experts predicted. About 40 million early votes were likely cast, said Michael McDonald, a professor at the University of Florida who tracks the figures. In the last such congressional elections in 2014, there were 27.5 million early votes.

At least 64 House races were considered competitive, according to a Reuters analysis of the three top nonpartisan forecasters, and Senate control was expected to come down to a half-dozen close contests in Arizona, Nevada, Missouri, North Dakota and Florida.

In his time in office, Trump has pushed tax cuts through Congress and overseen a period of economic and jobs growth but has failed so far to deliver on presidential campaign promises to replace the Obamacare health care law and build a wall on the Mexican border that he has said is needed to battle illegal immigration.

A Democratic victory in the House would further hinder the border wall plan and complicate congressional approval of a deal to update the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Trump also could face more pushback from Democrats on trade tariffs he has introduced, especially in farm states hard-hit by retaliatory measures from China or manufacturing states hit by higher steel and aluminum prices.

A debate about whether Trump's inflammatory rhetoric encouraged extremists erupted in the campaign's final weeks after pipe bombs were mailed to his top political rivals allegedly by a Trump supporter who was arrested and charged, and 11 people were killed in a shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue.

It was the first national election in the United States since the 2016 race in which Russia interfered, according to U.S. intelligence agencies, with a campaign of hacking and propaganda to sow discord, harm the Democratic presidential candidate and boost Trump's chances. Russia denies meddling. REUTERS

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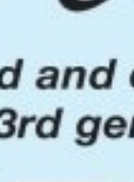
# 'Trump effect': Midterms marked by high turnout

Pennsylvania's midterms voter turnout was as high as is usually expected during a U.S. presidential race.



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Despite rainy weather and some problems with voting equipment, citizens turned out in droves across Pennsylvania to cast their votes in Tuesday's midterm elections in what many believe is a sign of hyperpolarization of politics under President Donald Trump.

Whether voters were striving to keep Republicans in power to support Trump or voicing their support for Democrats in opposition, millions of people voted statewide.

Pennsylvania acting Secretary of State Robert Torres said elections were carried out with relatively few incidents — some of which were caused by the high turnout, such as a polling location in Bedford County running out of traditional ballots and briefly giving voters photocopied ballots.

"Turnout was high, closer to the numbers that we generally see during a presidential election year," Torres said during a Tuesday evening press conference after polls closed. "The last midterm election, we saw 43 percent turnout. We won't have the final numbers for a few days, but we expect it to be much higher than that."

**"Turnout was high, closer to the numbers that we generally see during a presidential election year."**
**Robert Torres, Pa. acting secretary of state**

The Pa. Department of State fielded about 3,600 calls from concerned voters during the course of Election Day, mostly routine questions, Torres said.

In Allegheny County, 14 polling places had power outages and voting machines had to switch to battery backup. All but one got power back online; the remaining location got a power generator.

There were bomb threats to three polling locations — in York, Fayette and Lackawanna counties. None of the threats were deemed serious, although all were investigated.

Other incidents during Election Day included an elderly woman being killed as she tried to walk out of her polling place in Forks Township, Northampton County. Marlene Raub, 83, was hit around 10:45 a.m. by a minivan driver, a 78-year-old woman, who remained on the scene and had not yet been charged as of press time. Raub had just voted and exited the polling place when the collision took place.

In Washington County in Western Pa., Christopher Thomas Queen, 43, of Claysville, was arrested for terroristic threats after allegedly threatening to get a gun and shoot poll workers after they told him he was not registered to vote.

In Philadelphia, DA Larry Krasner's Election Fraud Task Force received at least 40 calls throughout the day, about half of them for alleged electioneering, but no other significant issues.

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Voters in Minnesota on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

# Minnesota, Michigan send first Muslim women to US Congress

Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib made history in Tuesday's midterms.

Voters in Minnesota and Michigan on Tuesday elected the first two Muslim women to serve in the U.S. Congress, a former refugee who fled Somalia's civil war and a Detroit-born Palestinian-American.

The victories by the two Democrats — Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib — came on an election night when members of multiple minority groups had a chance to score electoral firsts.

In Minnesota, Omar, 36, and a naturalized American citizen and state representative, follows another trailblazer: She will succeed U.S. Congressman Keith Ellison, who in 2006 became the first Muslim elected to Congress and is stepping down to run for state attorney general.

The Minneapolis woman campaigned on policies embraced by the Democratic Party's most liberal wing: universal health care, free college tuition and robust public housing.

"I did not expect to come to the United States and go to school with kids who were worried about food as much as I was worried about it in a refugee camp," Omar said in an interview last month. She spent four years of her childhood in a refugee camp in Kenya.

Two years ago, she became the first Somali-American to win a seat in a state legislature, on the same night Republican Donald Trump won the presidency after a campaign in which he called for a ban on all Muslims entering the United States.

Omar will also be the first Congress member to wear a Muslim hijab, or head scarf.

Tlaib, 42, also has a history of breaking barriers: In 2008 she became the first Muslim woman elected to the Michigan Legislature.

The oldest of 14 children, Tlaib was born to a family of Palestinian immigrants in Detroit, where her father worked at a Ford Motor Co. plant.

The former state representative also ran on a liberal platform, backing Medicare for All, immigration reform and a call to overturn Trump's executive order banning most people from five Muslim-majority nations from entering the United States.

Both women ran in heavily Democratic districts. Minnesota state data showed Omar winning by a large margin, and Michigan media reported that Tlaib had won.

Tlaib linked her campaign to the surge of female political activism in the United States following Trump's stunning 2016 victory, alluding to the millions of women that took to the streets of Washington and major cities across the country after his inauguration.

**"Today, women across the country are on the ballot. Yes, we marched outside the Capitol, but now we get to march into the Capitol."**
**Rashida Tlaib**

"Today, women across the country are on the ballot. Yes, we marched outside the Capitol, but now we get to march into the Capitol," she wrote on Twitter on Tuesday. "We are coming!" REUTERS

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The Mummers Museum, dedicated to the history of the traditional Philadelphia clubs who participate in an annual parade and competition, served as a polling place in Philadelphia on Election Day. GETTY IMAGES

# More than a dozen states report trouble with voting machines on Election Day

More than a dozen states across the United States struggled at the polls on Election Day due to faulty or broken voting machines, registration issues and voter intimidation, U.S. rights advocates reported to Reuters.

By noon, at least 12 states reported issues with machines that caused chaos for voters in those states attempting to cast their ballots. However, according to Homeland Security, few incidents have been reported to the agency.

The complaints were reported to a national hotline set up by an "election protection" coalition consisting of more than 100 groups on the lookout for reported voter irregularities.

Investigators in Georgia were called to unnamed poll locations to look into digital poll books, state spokeswoman Candice Broce said. Due to unspecified issues, some voters in the state voted using provisional ballots rather than machines. It was unclear if the change was due to faulty machines. According to rights groups, provisional ballots can cause voting issues because they are seen as less reliable than regular ballots. Provisional ballots add an extra step because they require information about voters to be verified prior to votes being counted.

"We're fully prepared to mount emergency litigation to push back against some of the systemic problems that sometimes rear their heads in our elections," said Kristen Clarke, head of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which leads the election protection coalition.

While it was a frustrating Election Day for some voters, many endured to make sure their vote would be counted.

**"I was determined I was going to cast my ballot [Tuesday] because it's a very important election."**

**Shirley Thorn, postal employee**

Postal employee Shirley Thorn waited at the polls in Snellville, Georgia, for four hours due to technical issues.

"I was determined I was going to cast my ballot [Tuesday] because it's a very important election," Thorn said. REUTERS

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Members of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's defense team arrive for the start of jury selection. GETTY IMAGES

# More potential 'El Chapo' jurors excused for safety fears

Joaquin Guzman sat in the courtroom wearing a dark suit and tie on Tuesday.

The pool of potential jurors for the U.S. drug trafficking trial of accused Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman continued to shrink on Tuesday, with two people who expressed fears about their safety and one self-described "fan" of the defendant cut from the running.

A total of 10 potential jurors were excused from the case during the second day of jury selection in federal court in Brooklyn, New York.

Guzman, 61, watched from a table in the courtroom with his lawyers, wearing a dark suit and tie in place of the open-collared dress shirt he sported Monday.

Guzman formerly led the Sinaloa cartel, based in the Mexican state of Sinaloa, which became one of the most powerful drug trafficking organizations in the world. He was extradited to the United States from Mexico on Jan. 19, 2017, after escaping twice from Mexican prisons before being captured again.

A total of 27 people have so far been dismissed as potential jurors, out of nearly 60 who have been questioned. The 12 jurors and six alternate jurors eventually chosen will remain anonymous and be escorted to and from court by armed federal marshals during the trial, which is expected to last up to four months.

One of the people dismissed on Tuesday after expressing fear about the case said she had come across news reports that Guzman promised not to kill jurors, which made her "pretty anxious."

One man was let go after saying he had "some emotions mixed with fear" about the case.

U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan, who is overseeing the case, said another woman told him privately, in tears, that her mother, with whom she lives, said they would have to "move and get a new house," drawing a laugh from Guzman.

Cogan said the woman was worried the strain would affect her mother's health, and excused her.

Cogan also reported that one man, who was allowed to stay after being questioned on Monday, had asked a court officer if he could get Guzman's autograph.

**"I have the autograph of Charles Manson, and the two leaders of Hamas, and obviously I'm not a big fan of them."**

**Jeffrey Lichtman, one of Guzman's lawyers**

A prosecutor said he should be dismissed, while one of Guzman's lawyers, Jeffrey Lichtman, initially objected.

"I have the autograph of Charles Manson, and the two leaders of Hamas, and obviously I'm not a big fan of them," Lichtman said.

After Cogan called the man into the courtroom and asked why he wanted the autograph, he said: "I'm a bit of a fan." He was dismissed.

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# Hemp Gummies Offer Amazing Relief That Tastes So Good

## Hemp Gummies offer users fast acting relief from joint and muscle discomfort that's absolutely delicious; now available in the U.S. without a prescription

*Chris Laufstein*
*Associated Health Press*

BOSTON — For millions battling daily discomfort, this news couldn't be more exciting.

A new relief extract found in hemp is available across the nation and can be purchased without a prescription.

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So you can say goodbye to pills, needles, and creams!

***Hemp Gummies***, contains pure concentrated doses of hemp extract, which can help relieve joint discomfort along with general muscle aches and soreness.

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Exciting new scientific research shows that hemp extract contains special relief molecules called cannabinoids which bind to receptor cites in the brain and body. When taken orally, hemp extract activates these receptors, and soothing comfort begins to take form.

### Available Across the Nation

Recent developments, like the *US Farm Bill*, allow ***Hemp Gummies*** to be sold in the U.S. without a prescription. And since it can't get you high it's flying off the shelves.

"Most people have no idea that pure hemp extract, like ***Hemp Gummies***, can be purchased. And that's because it contains no THC," explains Dr. Joe Wezensky, who sits on the scientific board at Medici Quest.

"Instead, it's bursting with special relief compounds called cannabinoids. These cannabinoids target special receptor cites all over the body but are most prominent in the brain."

"This system of cannabinoids and the receptors that they bind to are called the Endocannabinoid System and science is just now unlocking its amazing medical potential"

"In fact, the initial research has been so impressive that hemp extract is now patented by the US Government (patent #6,630,507)."

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A large percentage of men and women using ***Hemp Gummies*** experience truly amazing results. That's why it's now being sold with a guarantee that goes way beyond the industry standard.

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Here's how it works: Take ***Hemp Gummies*** exactly as directed and you must be thrilled with the results! Otherwise, simply return the empty bottles within 90 days. Then, the company will refund your money plus give you an extra $10 for having tried the product.

### Where To Find Hemp Gummies

This is the official nationwide release of ***Hemp Gummies*** hemp extract in Pennsylvania. And so, the company is offering a special discount supply to anyone who calls within the next 48 hours.

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**READER WRITE-INS:**

**A TUMBLE ON THE FERRY**

I literally write most of my Grumbles while riding the subway, since that's where most of my inspiration has come from. This time, I'm writing on the ferry. I don't take the ferry often, but when I do, I savor the peaceful ride and the alluring scenery. I enjoy viewing the city skyline and the Statue of Liberty. Unfortunately, on a recent ferry ride I had a "tumble" (on the Staten Island side). I tripped over a cable that runs across the sidewalk. Guess who helped me back up and onto my feet? Not the ferry workers who were standing right there! Three bystanders — two males and one female. It took me a while to get back up, but they stayed with me and gave me a helping hand. One of them even walked with me all the way onto the ferry to make sure I was OK. What did the ferry workers do who were on duty? Nothing, they just stared and didn't even ask if I was OK or thank the people who helped me. My knees are still bruised, cut and sore (yes, my pants ripped at the knees), but my enjoyment of the ferry still abides. I hope this doesn't happen to anyone else. If it does, I hope the ferry personnel will lend a helping hand to a passenger in need.

— Bernadette, a.k.a. "Calamity Jane," *Metro New York reader*

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# Under the big top

The performers are from all over the world. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## The UniverSoul Circus opens in Philly this week.

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Fairmount Park will be taken over by the nation's leading circus performance, the UniverSoul Circus.

This year marks a milestone for the show, as 2018 is its 25th anniversary, and the vibrant production is not holding back.

The circus will feature plenty of heart-pounding, mouth-dropping entertainment including motorcycle stunts (think a ramp park on steroids), high-wire routines, trapeze artists, dancers on stilts and much more. With all of the beloved stunts and talented acts from previous years come new performances, including a trampoline act.

The best part of the show is that the audience becomes a part of the fun. Although they may not be able to try out the trapeze or shoot out of a cannon, the circus invites patrons to sing along, dance in the aisles or even volunteer to be a part of the UniverSoul Circus Soul Train Line.

The UniverSoul Circus is so much more than just an entertaining show; since its establishment in 1994, the circus has focused on highlighting the talents of people of color. The talented performers are from all over the world and showcase all types of talents, acts and music including pop, classic R&B, Latin, hip-hop, jazz and gospel.

The circus opens this week in Fairmount Park.

The circus was founded by Cedric Walker. After researching African-American entertainment from the turn of the century, he had a vision of a show featuring talented acrobats, performers and more from all over with different backgrounds.

The circus has performers from at least 24 different countries around the world.

The UniverSoul Circus will open at 52 Parkside Ave. on Nov. 8 and run until Dec. 2 with various showtimes throughout the three-and-a-half-week span. Ticket prices start at around $20; you can purchase them and learn more about the show at *universoulcircus.com*.

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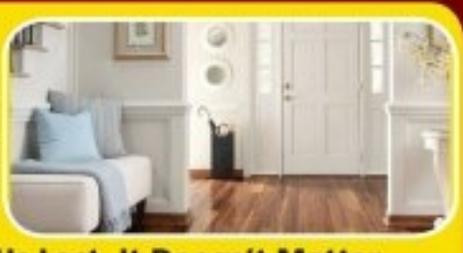

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# 'Outlaw King"s director gets real about working with Netflix

David MacKenzie wants Chris Pine's Robert the Bruce to complicate the idea of heroism.

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Director David MacKenzie on the set of "Outlaw King." ALL PHOTOS NETFLIX

"Outlaw King" director David MacKenzie thinks the battle between the theater and streaming sites like Netflix is bogus, and wants people to stop romanticizing the big screen.

"There is no competition," MacKenzie tells Metro. "Netflix are the key players at the moment in terms of allowing filmmakers to make films on a big scale with massive creative freedom and control."

"Outlaw King," which revolves around Robert the Bruce (Chris Pine) being crowned King of Scotland — only to then be forced into exile by the English, which is when he leads a band of outlaws to help him reclaim the throne — might have been better suited to a theatrical release. But, as the "Hell or High Water" director explained, Netflix was willing to give Mackenzie the creative control and backing he demanded in order to fulfill his vision for the film.

"The slightly false dichotomy of the big screen versus the small screen is a bogus argument, to be honest. There are a lot of films that are out on the big screen that people don't see on the big screen anyway," says MacKenzie. "I don't think it is what it once was in many ways. I would like to see a future of cinema where people like Netflix

have their own cinema screens, theater chains or whatever, because they look after the viewer experience rather better than some of the chains that exist now."

Thanks to Netflix, MacKenzie's "Outlaw King" is a violent, brutal and authentic depiction of life and war in early 1300s Scotland, and the director insists it was always his intention to complicate cinema's idea of heroism, which has long been "codified and simplified."

"In the back of my mind I have always wanted to do a Scottish medieval movie, because I was aware that the version of medieval life I had seen was all a little bit anodyne, a little bit clean, a little bit heraldic and nice," says MacKenzie. "It all felt a little bit 'Princess Bride' kind of thing. That wasn't what that life was like. Robert the Bruce is a great and complex heroic character.

"I have made a lot of movies with antihero characters and I can't really bringing myself to do a straight hero thing. Robert was somebody who could do both. He has murdered someone in a church, he surrendered, he betrayed various people. It wasn't an easy ride for him on his hero's journey," he adds. "Cinema has codified and simplified this idea of heroism, and being able to explore a character who is regarded as a hero and is a complex one was something that was attractive to me for quite some time."

*"Outlaw King" debuts Nov. 9 on Netflix.*

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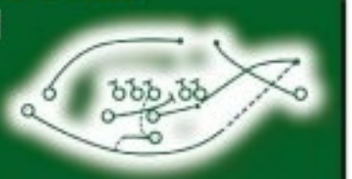

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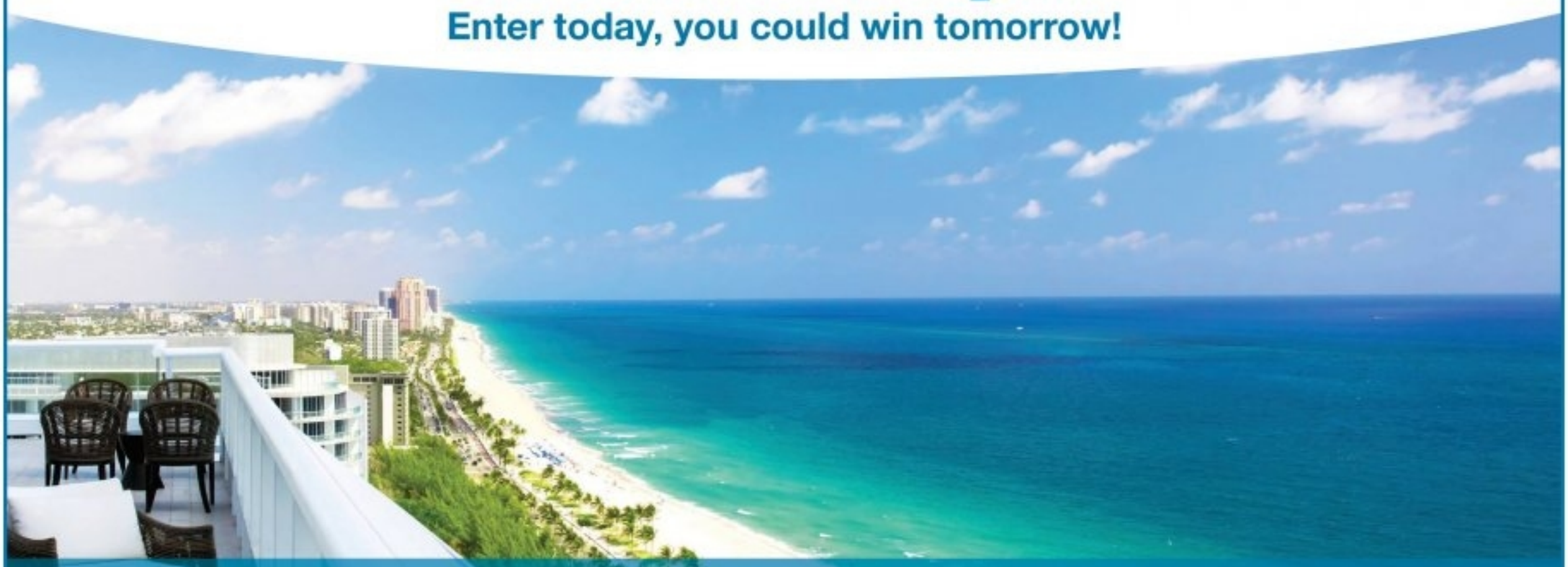

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# 'Patriot' star *Terry O'Quinn* is sometimes 'shocked' by what makes him laugh

The "Lost" veteran talks about taking on a more darkly comedic role.

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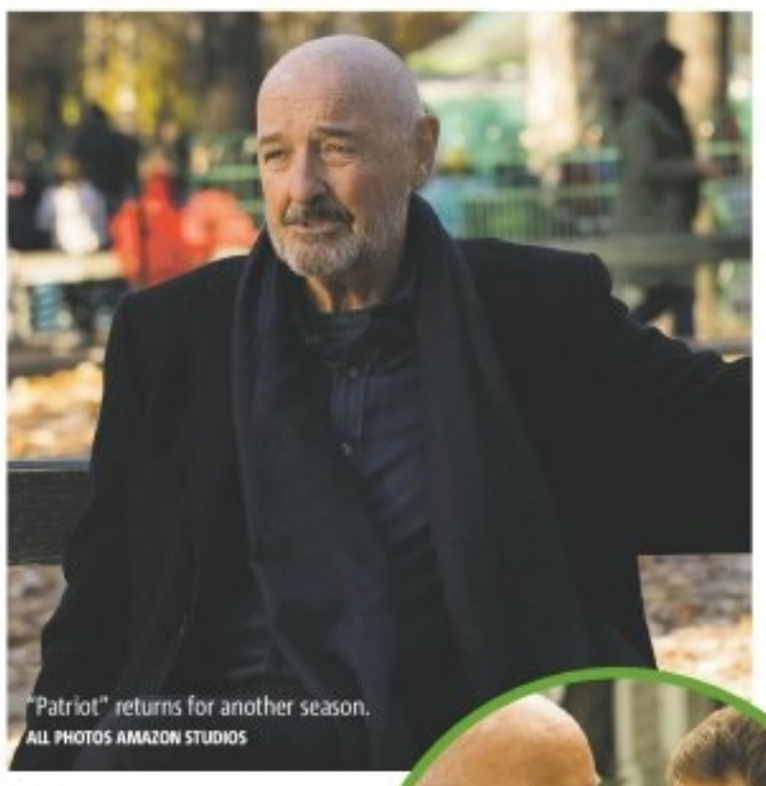

"Patriot" returns for another season.
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Toward the end of the first season of "Patriot," the hilariously morbid series from Steve Conrad, intelligence officer John Tavner (Michael Dorman) botches his covert operation in Milwaukee for a variety of silly reasons. One of the more significant ones, at least in the eyes of his boss and father Tom Tavner (Terry O'Quinn), is "doobies."

"That's what started all of this," he chastises John while driving late at night. "Because you were smoking on the weed."

It's one of many equally ludicrous scenes from the second season, which debuts this week on Amazon. Metro spoke to O'Quinn ahead of Friday's premiere.

**Was this your first big experience with a more comedic role?**

It was the first experience that was, as you would say, "comedic," although that's not how any of us approached it. I think the way it's written is kind of brilliant because you don't ever do anything in an effort to be funny. You simply play it as straight as you can. I think the situations that Steve [Conrad] creates are darkly funny. Sometimes, I think you're a little shocked at what you're laughing at. I think it's bizarre. I've talked to a few people who are involved in intelligence and those operations don't always go smoothly, and sometimes it's almost funny because of it. If life or death weren't involved, it could be perceived as funny. So we can sit at a distance and laugh at these things, but in reality these aren't necessarily the nicest people in the world.

**In many ways, it's a family dramedy within covert operations.**

The familial aspect is a big part of Steve's make-up. In some of his work, family, redemption and being lost or saved play a huge role. These are themes that run through much of his work, and it's certainly evident in this. We haven't been saved yet, but let's hope we all get a chance to be, at least.

**Is this the kind of work you want to do more of?**

I would absolutely like to do more work like this. As I said, I would like to keep doing this. If we could have another 10 seasons of this, I'd be pretty happy. I can probably settle down and put my feet up, but I would absolutely love to do more like this. It's so wonderfully written. I was at a writers conference recently, and anytime anyone asked me what I like most about a job, or at least what attracts me to a job, my first answer is always the writing. After that comes the part, the cast, the director and all of those other things. But my first answer is always the writing. The fact that Steve has written this so that it can be acted straight but funny is so unique. It's remarkable that I can sit there and go, "Wait a minute, I just laughed at somebody getting thrown in front of a bus."

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The surviving cast of "The Brady Bunch" in front of their TV home. HGTV

# 'The Brady Bunch' go back to work on 'A Very Brady Renovation'

The original cast will reunite for this special event on HGTV.

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Are there many other TV families quite as iconic as "The Brady Bunch"? Sure, you could argue that either the "The Simpsons" or even "The Conners" are on the same level at this point. But have any other fictionalized versions of the American family created the template as well as the Bradys for discussing the minute things family members address each other with on a daily basis? Sure, it may not have been as ugly or truthful as shows like "All in the Family" or "The Jeffersons." But that's neither here nor there.

Next year, the surviving cast of "The Brady Bunch" will reunite on HGTV for "A Very Brady Renovation." This will mark the first time in 15 years that the original cast will be together in that iconic house to take a walk down memory lane and make some much-needed renovations alongside some of HGTV's most recognizable stars.

The show is destined to be one of the biggest shows in HGTV's history.

"What's so exciting about this project is that we are creating one of the most iconic homes from many of our viewers' childhoods," said Loren Ruch, senior vice president, HGTV programming and partnerships in a press release. "It will be the first time in history that the house from all of our memories will be created in a real brick-and-mortar location. It is certain to be a trip down memory lane."

All of the Brady siblings will return to the old house: Barry Williams (Greg), Maureen McCormick (Marcia), Christopher Knight (Peter), Eve Plumb (Jan), Mike Lookinland (Bobby) and Susan Olsen (Cindy). The Bradys will be paired with HGTV hosts Jonathan and Drew Scott ("Property Brothers"), Mina Starsiak and Karen E. Laine ("Good Bones"), siblings Leanne and Steve Ford ("Restored by the Fords"), Jasmine Roth ("Hidden Potential") and Lara Spencer ("Flea Market Flip") to make some updates to their old TV home.

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As they look for help in the starting rotation, the Philadelphia Phillies are reportedly interested in free-agent southpaw Patrick Corbin, formerly of the Arizona Diamondbacks. GETTY IMAGES

# Phillies expected to pursue LHP Patrick Corbin in free agency

The 29-year-old southpaw is coming off a career year with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

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After a disappointing end to the regular season, it was clear to many fans that the Philadelphia Phillies needed to be big-time players in free agency. No matter how much money it takes, they must come away with one or two game-changing players.

As we all know, the Phillies will be players in both the Manny Machado and Bryce Harper sweepstakes. However, you can also now add a starting pitcher to their free agency wish list.

Ken Rosenthal of The Athletic reported earlier this week that the Phillies are expected to be a major player for Patrick Corbin. Last week, the Arizona Diamondbacks extended a $17.9 million qualifying offer to him, but all signs point to him going elsewhere.

Corbin is the best free-agent pitcher on the market and is on the radars of many perspective teams.

One of those teams that Philadelphia might have to compete with for Corbin's services is the New York Yankees. Last month, Jon Heyman of Fancred Sports reported that New York is expected to pursue the southpaw this winter.

The Yankees, along with the Phillies, have young, talented arms in their rotation, but could also use a certified ace to bolster their pitching staff.

From the Phillies' perspective, if they could get the left-handed Corbin it would give them the best rotation not only in the National League East, but also in the National League.

A rotation consisting of Aaron Nola, Jake Arrieta and Corbin would be downright impressive and definitely help the Phillies reach the postseason in 2019.

Last year, toward the tail-end of free agency, the Phillies inked Arrieta to a three-year, $75 million deal. Arrieta did not have the best season on the mound with a record of 10-11 and an ERA of 3.96, but Nola sure did elevate his game to another level.

The 25-year-old Nola made his first All-Star team this past season and it was well deserved. He had a record of 17-6 with an ERA of 2.37 while striking out 224 hitters over 212.1 innings pitched.

Along those same lines, Corbin had a career year on the mound with the Arizona Diamondbacks this season. He racked up 246 strikeouts over 200 innings pitched with a record 11-7 and ERA of 3.15.

In addition to his career-best ERA to date, the 29-year-old had an impressive 11.1 strikeouts per nine innings, which ranked third in the N.L. behind Jacob deGrom and Max Scherzer.

Nevertheless, if the Phillies do decide to sign either Machado or Harper, they should have enough money to go after Corbin.

According to Spotrac, they predicted that the lefty's market value is a five-year deal worth $104 million. When you compare that hypothetical amount to what Arrieta and Yu Darvish received as free agents, it is almost a steal.

We shall see how everything comes together, with the winter meetings happening this week in California.

# FanDuel now a major sports betting player

FanDuel COO Kip Levin on the future of the sports betting industry.

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FanDuel Sportsbook at Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey. GETTY IMAGES

Daily Fantasy Sports giant FanDuel was one step ahead of many other operators in New Jersey when sports betting was legalized full-tilt several months back. The infrastructure that the company developed online has helped greatly, as it raked in $7.2 million in total sports betting revenue in the month of September. In addition to its online sportsbook (and unlike many of its competitors), FanDuel is also putting a lot of its focus into its physical sportsbook in the state.

"It's been crazy on football Saturdays and Sundays," FanDuel COO Kip Levin told MetroBet of the sportsbook, which is located at the MetLife Stadium sports complex in East Rutherford, New Jersey. "We didn't know what to expect when we opened it. But even in late September, before the baseball playoffs started, I was in there on a Tuesday night and the place was packed. You can see that there was really a pent-up demand for this type of entertainment. We've been really excited by the customer response."

In terms of sports betting retail (physical sportsbook) in New Jersey, no one has been as successful as FanDuel-Meadowlands so far. The company made $4.3 million at its physical location alone in September. The next closest retail spot was playMGM at Borgata, which made $2.3 million during the first full month of the football season.

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"With our online sportsbook we keep adding more advanced features as we go. Our average NFL game has 150 to 200 different types of bets you can place on it," Levin told MetroBet. "Our hypothesis has been right when it comes to the retail sportsbook. We're the leader in retail in the market by a good distance. We've already had to double the number of teller stations, which is a good problem to have. We have a lot to work with."

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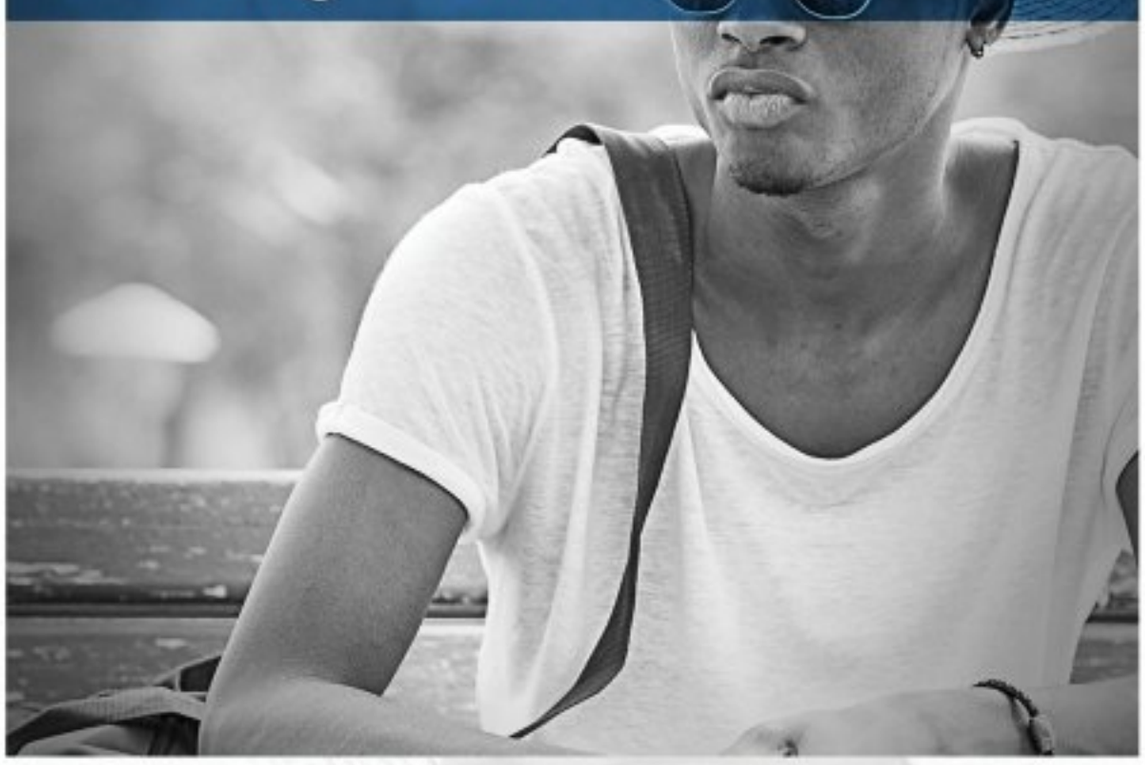

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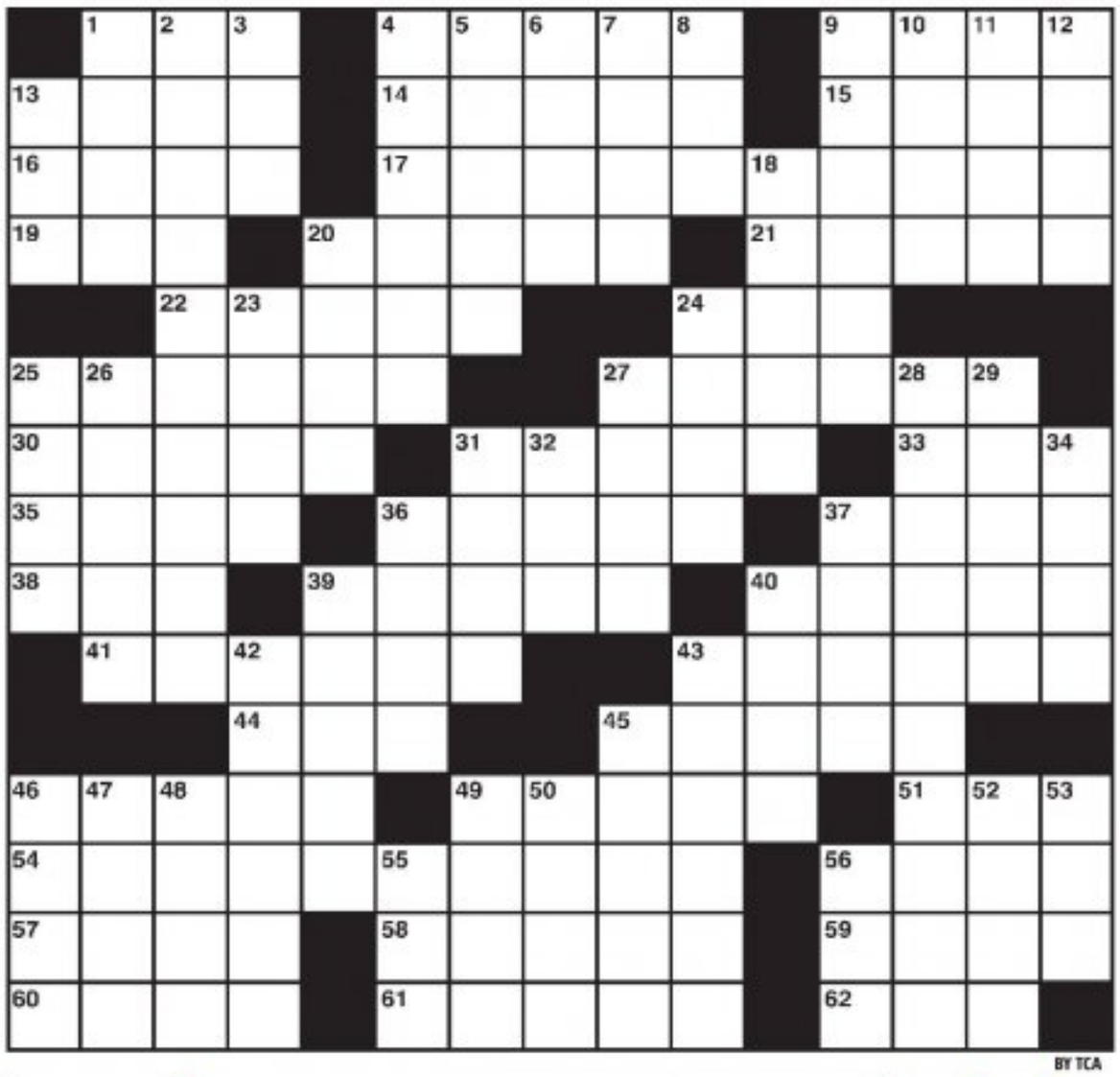

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36 Turning part of a motor
37 Phi __ Kappa
38 Oolong or pekoe
39 Rejuvenate
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